मुर्त्यांचे व निर्माल्याचे विसर्जन करतांना
पर्यावरण प्रदुषणाच्या दृष्टीने घ्यावयाची दक्षता

महाराष्ट्र शासन
नगर विकास विभाग
शासन निर्णय क्र.संकिर्ण २०१०/प्र.क्र.१०/२०१०/नवि-२०
मंत्रालय, मुंबई - ४०० ०३२,
दिनांक : १८ जानेवारी, २०१०.

परिपत्रक

वाचा :- नगर विकास विभाग,पत्र क्रमांकःसंकीर्ण-२००९/१०३/प्र.क्र.१४१/नवि-२०, दिनांक २२ जुलै, २००९

महाराष्ट्रामध्ये सर्वत्र गणेशोत्सव व नवरात्र/दुर्गापूजा मोठया प्रमाणात दरवर्षी साजरा करण्यांत येतात. तद्नंतर गणपती /देवी मूर्तीचे व निर्माल्याचे विसर्जन शहरातील समुद्र, तलाव, विहीरी, तळे, ओढे व नदया यामध्ये करण्यांत येते. सदर विसर्जनामुळे शहरातील पिण्याचे व इतर जलस्त्रोत प्रदूषित होतात या गंभीर समस्येबाबत मा. उच्च न्यायालय खंडपिठ, औरंगाबाद येथे सार्वजनिक हित याचिका क्र. ५६४४/२००५ दाखल करण्यांत आली आहे. पर्यावरणाचा समतोल राखण्यासाठी जलप्रदूषण टाळणे आवश्यक असल्याने त्यासाठी ठोस उपाययोजना करणे गरजेचे आहे.

२. समुद्र, तलाव, विहीरी, तळे, ओढे व नदया यातील जलसंपत्ती, मूर्त्यांचे व निर्माल्यांचे विसर्जन यामुळे प्रदुषित होऊ नये म्हणून महानगरपालिका/नगरपालिकांनी खालीलप्रमाणे उपायोजना करावी.

१. "एक वॉर्ड एक गणपती " हा व इतर तत्सम उपक्रम राबविण्यांत महानगरपालिका / नगरपालिकांनी पुढाकार घ्यावा.
२. मूर्त्यांचे विसर्जन करण्यासाठी करण्यासाठी कृत्रिम तळे निर्माण करण्यात यावीत.
३. निर्माल्यांचे विसर्जनासाठी निर्माल्यकुंड यांचा वापर करावा. व त्यापासून कंपोस्ट खत तयार करावे तसेच कृत्रिम तळयातील जमा झालेल्या अविघटित पदार्थांची पर्यावरणास बाधा न येईल अशा प्रकारे विल्हेवाट लावावी.
४. कृत्रिम तळयामध्येच मूर्त्यांचे विसर्जन करण्यासाठी भाविकाची मने वळवावीत.
५. मूर्त्यांचे विसर्जनासाठी बनविलेल्या कृत्रिम तळयांची माहिती सार्वजनिक ठिकाणी प्रसिध्द करावी.
६. मूर्त्यांचे व निर्माल्य विसर्जन करताना पाणी प्रदूषित होऊ नये याबाबत जनतेमध्ये जनजागृती करावी.
७. मूर्त्यांचे व निर्माल्य विसर्जन करताना पर्यावरण प्रदूषणास बाधा पोहोचणार नाही, यासाठी जनतेस प्रवृत्त करावे.
८. समुद्रात विसर्जन करण्याबाबत ओहोटीच्या ५०० मीटर पुढे विसर्जन करण्याची मर्यादा निश्चित करुन त्याची पुर्व सूचना द्यावी.. त्यासाठी सुरक्षा रक्षक /गृह जवानांसह मोटारबोट विसर्जनाचे पर्यवेक्षण करण्यासाठी नियुक्त करावे.

९. पोलीस,सेवाभावी संस्था आणि सार्वजनिक गणेशोत्सव साजरा करणा-या मंडळाचे प्रतिनिधी यांची समिती प्रदूषणाचे प्रमाण रोखण्यासाठी स्थापन करावी.

१०. विसर्जनाने नदीकिनारी, समुद्र किनारी, तळ्याकाठी राहिलेले साहित्य २४ तासात संबंधित स्थानिक स्वराज्य संस्थांनी गोळा करुन त्याची विल्हेवाट लावावी.

११. निर्माल्याचे पृथ:करण करणे व कंपोस्ट खत इत्यादीसाठी राष्ट्रीय सेवा योजना, स्वयंसेवी संस्था, महिला बचत गट, युवा मंडळ व शहरातील सामाजिक संस्थांचा सहभाग घ्यावा.

१२. याबाबत जनजागृती होण्यासाठी शाळा व महाविद्यालयामध्ये विविध उपक्रमाचे आयोजन करावे.

३. वरील उपक्रमांचे पर्यावरणाच्या दृष्टीकोनातून जनतेत जागृती निर्माण करण्यासाठी आयुक्त महानगरपालिका/ मुख्य अधिकारी, नगरपरिषदा यांनी प्रत्येक वार्डमध्ये या उपक्रमासाठी व्यापक प्रसिध्दी देऊन उपक्रम जनतेपर्यंत पोहचवावा.

४. सर्व महानगरपालिका / नगरपालिकांनी वरीलप्रमाणे कार्यवाही करतील याचा आढावा घ्यावा.

महाराष्ट्राचे राज्यपाल यांच्या आदेशानुसार व नावाने,

(म. दि. आडिवरेकर)
शासनाचे सह सचिव.

सहपत्र : दि २२ जुलै २००५ चे पत्र.

प्रति,
१. सर्व विभागीय आयुक्त,
२. आयुक्त, सर्व महानगरपालिका
३. सर्व जिल्हाधिकारी,
४. सचालक, नगर परिषद प्रशासन संचालनालय, वरळी, मुंबई.
५. मुख्याधिकारी, सर्व नगरपालिका/ नगर पंचायती.
६. निवड नस्ती/ न. वि. २०.

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महाराष्ट्र शासन

क्र. संकीर्ण २००९/सं.क्र.१०३प्र.क्र.१४१/नवि-२०
नगर विकास विभाग,
मंत्रालय, मुंबई-३२
दिनांक :- २२ जुलै, २००९

प्रति,

१. आयुक्त,
सर्व महानगरपालिका.

२. मुख्याधिकारी,
सर्व नगरपालिका.

विषय :-गणेशोत्सवातील पाणी प्रदुषण रोखण्याबाबत..

संदर्भ :- १) महाराष्ट्र प्रदुषण नियंत्रण मंडळ यांचे क्र. MPCB/MS/3557,
दिनांक १२.९८.२००५ चे पत्र.

२) महाराष्ट्र प्रदुषण नियंत्रण मंडळ यांचे क्र. MPCB/RO(CO)
B/4726, दिनांक ०६.०९.२००७ चे पत्र.

महोदय,

गणेश विसर्जनामुळे पाण्याच्या स्त्रोतांचे मोठया प्रमाणात प्रदूषण होत असल्याने ते प्रदुषण रोखण्यासाठी महाराष्ट्र प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडळाकडून संदर्भाधिन दिनांक १२.०८.२००५ व दिनांक ०६.०९.२००७ अन्वये कार्यवाही करण्याबाबत सर्व महानगरपालिकांना सुचना देण्यांत आल्या होत्या तथापी सदरचे प्रदूषण रोखण्याबाबत आपणाकडून योग्य त्या उपाययोजना केल्या जात नाहीत अशा तक्रारी शासनास प्राप्त झाल्या आहेत.

सबब, गणेश विसर्जनामुळे पाण्याचे होणारे प्रदुषण टाळण्यासाठी आपल्या महानगरपालिका/नगरपालिकांकडून योग्य त्या उपाययोजना कराव्यात, तसेच याबाबत महाराष्ट्र प्रदुषण नियंत्रण मंडळाच्या दिनांक १२.०८.२००५ व दिनांक ०६.०९.२००७ च्या पत्राप्रमाणे योग्य ती कार्यवाही करावी (प्रत सलंग्न) ही विनंती.

आपला,

(र. शि. घाटगे)
कक्ष अधिकारी

प्रत,

डॉ. नरेंद्र दाभोळकर, कार्याध्यक्ष, महाराष्ट्र, अंधश्रध्दा निर्मूलन समिती, द्वारा, परिवर्तन सहयाद्री हॉस्पिटल "अनेक्स", सदरबझार, सातारा. जि. सातारा यांना त्यांच्या दिनांक ०६.०७. २००९ च्या पत्राच्या अनुषंगाने माहितीसाठी सादर.

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Supreme Court Matter

No: MPCB/MS/ 3597 Date:12/08/2005

To,
The Municipal Commissioner
Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai/ Thane/ Mira-Bhayender / Kalyan-Dombivali Navi-Mumbai/Ulhasnagar/Kolhapur/Pune/Pimpri-Chinchwad/Nasik/Nagpur/Solapur/ Aurangabad/Amravati/Nanded/Akola/Jalgaon/Ahmednagar/Sangli-Miraj-Kupwad/Dhule/Malegaon/Bhiwandi

Sub: Public notice on Display Boards indicating legal/ penal provisions under the Municipal act and rules against dumping of any waste in open spaces, talavs, water sources etc. for compliance of the directives of Supreme Court of India in W.P.(C.) No. 657/95 vide order dated 14-10-2003

Sir,

As decided in the 10th meeting of the Supreme Court Monitoring Committee (SCMC) at Shillong, it is requested to display a Public Notice stating legal/ penal provisions against those found dumping of any waste in open spaces, talavs, water sources etc for compliance of the order of Supreme Court of India in WP (C) 657 of 1995 dated 14-10-2003.

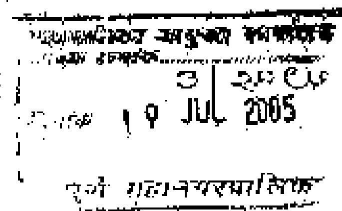
You are requested to kindly take action for immediate compliance of the above directives of the Supreme Court Monitoring Committee. Please submit the action taken report in this regard within 15 days so as to enable us to submit the same to the SCMC/ Ministry of Environment & Forests, GoI, New Delhi.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully

(D.B.Boralkar)
Member Secretary, MPCB

Copy for information to:
1. Dr.Subba Rao, Addl.Director (HSMD) & MS of the SCMC MOEF, GOI, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi for information
2. Chairman, SCMC and other Members of SCMC by e-mail.
3. Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32



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Suggested Code of Conduct for Environment Friendly Immersion of Idols



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Date 06/09/2007

To,
The Municipal Commissioner,
Mumbai / Thane / Mira-Bhayender / Kalyan-Dombivali / Navi-Mumbai / Ulhasnagar / Kolhapur / Pune / Pimpri-Chinchwad / Nashik / Nagpur / Solapur / Aurangabad / Amravati / Nanded / Jalgaon / Akola / Ahmednagar / Sangli-Miraj-Kupwad / Dhule / Malegaon / Bhiwandi – Nizampur Municipal Corporation.

Subject: Immersion of Ganpati idol during Ganpati Festival and pollution of talavs and water bodies

Ref: Public notice on Display Boards indicating legal/ penal provisions under the Municipal act and rules against dumping of any waste in open spaces talavs, water sources etc for compliances of the directives of Supreme Court of India in W.P. (C) No. 657/95 vide order dated 14/10/2003.

Sir,

Honorable Supreme Court of India had constituted Supreme Court Monitoring Committee (SCMC) to monitor the compliance of order issued in Writ Petition (C) No. 657/95 dated 14/10/2003. In the 10th meeting of Supreme Court Monitoring Committee (SCMC) it was decided that State Boards shall issue necessary directions to concerned agencies such as Municipal Corporations / Municipal Councils to make necessary arrangements for display of public notices indicating legal / penal provisions under the Municipal Act and Rules against the dumping of waste in open spaces, talavs and water resources.

The copy of suggested code of conduct for environment friendly immersion of idols is enclosed for ready reference. You are requested to take necessary action for immediate compliance of above directives.

Thanking you

D.A: Copy of Suggested Code of Conduct

Yours Sincerely,

O/c (Sanjay Khandare, IAS)
Member Secretary

Copy submitted to: Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai for information.

Copy submitted to: Principal Secretary, Environment Department,

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board

Suggested Code of Practice For Environment Friendly Immersion of Idols

01. Background

Ganesh festival is celebrated traditionally in the state of Maharashtra all in a big way as a social and community activity. When started by Lokmanya Tilak, the objective of the festival was mainly to bring people together and promote freedom movement.

Now with the passage of time, the celebration of Ganesh festival has changed in terms of its scale as well as involvement of the people. These activities also cause concerns in terms of water pollution, air pollution, noise pollution etc. It is therefore important that we celebrate the festival keeping in view the need for environment protection and also prevention and control of pollution.

There are various laws in place concerning festivities, celebrations/environment protection etc. However, these legislations will be most successful, if they are supported by people through successful implementation. We have therefore proposed certain guidelines to facilitate celebration of Ganesh festival in an environment friendly manner. We urge all concerned to consider these guidelines and help environment protection.

02. Guidelines and Recommendations

2.1 Ganesh Idols are immersed in water bodies. Such water bodies include rivers, lakes, ponds, estuaries, open coastal beaches, wells

etc. Consequent pollution of such water bodies has been a matter of concern and there have been public interest litigations as well. In addition to silting, toxic chemicals used in making idols tend to leach out and pose serious problems of water pollution. Studies carried out to assess deterioration in water quality due to immersion of idols have revealed that water quality gets deterioration in respect of conductivity, bio-chemical oxygen demand and concentration of heavy metals.

2.2 Guidelines and Recommendations

i) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) shall undertake water quality assessment preferably in Class-I cities (having population more than one lac). Water quality monitoring shall be conducted at three stages – pre-immersion, during immersion and post immersion. Considering the size of water body, an appropriate number of sampling locations shall be determined in order to get a fairly representative assessment of water quality. For ascertaining water quality, physico-chemical parameters such as pH, Dissolved Oxygen, Bio-chemical oxygen demand, Chemical Oxygen Demand, conductivity, turbidity, total dissolved solids, total solids and metals (cadmium, chromium, iron, nickel, lead, zinc and copper) may be analysed. (Action : Regional / Sub-Regional Offices of MPCB)

ii) By and large, efforts have been made by local bodies to identify adequate number of designated immersion centres to avoid overcrowding and also to reduce pollution loading on water bodies. Such places should be notified and adequate publicity arranged every year preferably a month before such festivals. (Action : Local body)

iii) It would be appropriate to use traditional clay for idol making rather than baked clay. Use of painted idols should be discouraged. In case painted idols are used, water soluble and non-toxic natural dyes may be used. Use of toxic and non-degradable chemical dyes should be strictly prohibited. Natural colors used in food products and permitted in Pharmaceuticals may be preferred. (Action : NGOs, Consumer group)

iv) In case of idol immersion in sea, immersion may be done beyond 500 meters of low-tide line. The low-tide line may be informed well in advance. Also, proper motor boats with security personnel/ home guards may be deployed to supervise immersion. (Action : Local Body)

v) A co-ordination committee comprising Police, Non-Government Organisations and representatives of religious groups may be set up for guiding the public in carrying out immersion with minimal adverse impacts on water bodies. (Action : Sate Government)

vi) In case of immersion of idols in rivers and lakes, arrangements may be made for construction of temporary confined ponds/bunds for the purpose of immersion of idols including disposal of material used for worship. After the completion of immersion, supernatant river water/ pond water may be disposed in river/pond/lake after checking for colour and turbidity. If necessary, treatment should also be provided prior to disposal. (Action : Local Body)

vii) Prior to immersion, worship material like, flowers, vastras (clothes), decorating material (made of paper and plastics),

etc. should be removed. Such material may be separately collected either for recycling or composting if bio-degradable or for disposal, if non bio-degradable. (Action : NGOs, Local Body, Media)

viii) Within 24 hours of the immersion of idols, the left over material (near rivers, lakes, beaches, etc.) should be collected by the local bodies and disposed of. If required, local body may levy costs. (Action : Local Body)

ix) At the immersion sites, burning of solid wastes should not be allowed. (Action : Police, MPCB)

x) People should be encouraged to go for smaller size idols. (Action: NGO, Media)

xi) Through media people should be educated about the ill effects of such activities on holy water bodies & encouraged to go for "kar-sewa" in order to minimize the adverse effects. (Action : MPCB, Media, Publicity Department, Local Bodies, NGOs)

(Dr. Dilip B. Boralkar)
Member Secretory
September 6, 2005

(Acknowledgement : Technical guidance from CPCB is gratefully acknowledged)